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RESPONSE

MAIL STOP AMENDMENT
Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

In the Office Action dated November 30, 2007, a Restriction was required between the invention of Group I, claims 1-13, drawn to a graft, and the invention of Group II, claims 14-27, drawn to a method of making a graft.

In response to the Restriction Requirement, Applicants hereby elect the invention of Group I, claims 1-13, for examination. This is an election without traverse. However, Applicants reserve the right to file a divisional application on the non-elected invention, claims 14-27.

Prompt and favorable examination of claims 1-13 is therefore respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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